



Annexure 2

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Assessments	Specifications	Frequency of assessments
CAT 4 assessment	<p>The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment designed to help students understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).</p>	Held once a year. Each grade, from 3 to 10 takes the examination once every two years.
ASSET	<p>Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing (ASSET) is a skill-based diagnostic and benchmarking test. It uses multiple-choice questions to focus on skills and conceptual understanding of the student. Apart from giving information about where the student, the class or the school stands as compared to their peers in the country and internationally, the test also provides information on the strengths and areas of improvement of individual students and the class as a whole.</p>	Once every year for Grades 3 to 9
TIMSS	<p>Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) explores as to how well Grade 4 and Grade 8 students have mastered the factual and procedural knowledge taught in school mathematics and science classes.</p>	Once in four years
PISA	<p>The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) measures 15-year-olds' ability to use their reading, mathematics and science knowledge and skills to meet real-life challenges.</p>	Once every three years and administered to a select population of Grade 10 students
PIRLS	<p>The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international comparative assessment that measures student learning in reading for Grade 4 students.</p>	Once every five years



AISSE	The All India Secondary School Examination (AISSE) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for students of Grade 10	Once every year
AISSCE	The All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISSCE) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for students of Grade 12	Once every year